

## DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

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As a below named inventor, I declare:  
that I verily believe myself to be the original, first and sole (if only one individual inventor is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if more than one individual inventor is listed below) of the invention in

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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<u>Country</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Priority Claim</u>
Japan	Patent	2001-094312	February 21, 2001	Yes
Japan	Patent	2001-258325	August 28, 2001	Yes
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